Strong Array of Pitchers Boosts Prospects of Yanks

Veteran Infield Also Expected to Shine in Coming American Race—Chief Worry Confined to Outfield, Where Experiments Must Be Made

By W. O. McGeehan

Annually, about this tast of the year, Colonels Ruppert and Huston begin to dream about flapping a Yankee pennant to the breezes that blow against Coogan's Bluff. About mid-season they wake up. Yankee fans, too, are full of enthusiasm and optimism about this time of the year. Let us see what there is to be optimistic about in this gladsome

Lack of Speed

The Only Worry

By Miller Huggins

(Manager New York Yankees)

T IS rather embarrassing to A ask the manager of a ball

club to make predictions before the season opens. Anything may happen. Not that I want to

prepare alibis in advance. I do not believe in alibis and I do not think that they are popular. I believe that I have a good ball club. It might be better in

believe that we have the hitting

power that will make up for our lack of speed. I admit our lack of speed at the present, but I am sure this will be corrected. To win a pennant a team must

have that indomitable spirit which will not admit defeat. I hope to get this sort of spirit

There are at least two distinct factors in the winning of a pennant. A pennant sometimes is wen by the miracle of luck. Usually it is won by the inherent

some time to build up a machine

of pennant calibre, but when you have one it will last for four

We have the pitchers that

should inspire confidence. That is an important thing. It builds up the morale of a club to know that they have the best sort of

pitching behind them.

N. Y. U. Baseball **Team Beats Union**

into the Yanks.

Of Miller Huggins

Take the Yankee offensive. It starts with a problem. Miller Huggins has not yet reached a final decision as to ot yet reached a final decision as to the shall lead off. It may be George talas, the young University of Illinois layer, who came from Great Lakes Training School to join the team. It hay be young Samuel Vick, the boy conder of the Southern League. Halas a good youngster and Vick is a great all player in embryo.

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an outfielder of experience and
for this place, but where is one
able? It looks as though not even
y would buy one. "And experioutfielders do not drop from
en," Miller Huggins remarked
y. "The minors can get players
the majors, but the majors have
velop them."

Veteran for Second Place

While the Yanks seem doomed to start their attack with a result, they have one of the best of the veterans in second place. This is Roger Peckinpaugh, Old Reliable Roge, who plays baseball with his head as well as his hands and his feet. Roger knows when and how to bunt and he also has a happy faculty of crossing the infielders once in a while when they try to do his thinking for him.

Walter Pipp, who is starting the season with a mad walloping frenzy, probably will be the third man with the club. Pipp seems to be steadily climbing and should reach his real hitting gait this year.

ig and should reach his real hitting it this year. Home Run Baker has promised to we his best to the team this year. As a investment he has been something a disappointment to the owners, who id a fancy price for him. Luck seemed have been against the agriculturist. Trappe, Maryland. But Baker is a onscientious player and wants to make turns. If he bats anything like he turns. If he bats anything like he did in the days when he earned his obriquet, the driving force of the ankee tank will be something to be recaled.

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Following Baker will be George Duffy Lewis, the canny Native Son. The Beau Brummel of the American League promises to aid and abet the earnest Yankee endeavor to mingle in a world's series. Duffy is contented this year and is more interested in things in general than he has been for some time.

Derrill Pratt, who never has been a poor hitter, will add some driving force in the attack. Ping Bodie, who busted many a fence in the Pacific Coast League, is one of the problems. Ping started the spring series with a very

gue, is one of the problems. Fing tred the spring series with a very batting average and finished it h the mumps. Sither of the two regular catchers, idy Ruel and Truck Hannah, is ly to connect for a hit. Hannah, in he lands, usually drives them re than one bag. Ruel places his res and is not looked upon as a cinch any of the nitchers.

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Taking the Yankee machine on the offensive, it does not look like a weak aggregation, even though it starts with a question mark. It depends upon how this machine is worked and organized. It lacks speed—the manager trankly admits that. It lacks the fighting spirit. These are two essentials to bring a team into the pennant class, and they must be developed. Temperamentally, the Yankees are a quiet and almost despondent looking lot of athletes. They will have to be driven out of that frame of mind.

Stiller Huggins has

on the defensive, Miller Huggins has as formidable a bunch of hurlers as can be found in any major league club. Shore, Mogridge, Shawkey, Thormahlen, are tried and ready for any gruelling series of games. The absence of ing by Hallorn. In this inning he

entee is better than a discontented or indifferent player. Jack Quinn, Pete Schneider, Lute Nelson and Frank o'Doul complete the list of boxmen, unless the erratic Allan Russell, who pitches wonderful ball in spurts, should be retained.

With Baker back the Yankees will have almost everything in the defensive in the infield that could be desired. Certainly the owners of the Yanks would not trade their first baseman for any in either league. But his absence was felt keenly in the exhibition series, Peckinpaugh, though he developed the whirling through the infield as only a can whirl. He still remains the intest and snappiest of all the shorting.

The home team added three more to its total in the fourth. Delaney was safe on Bartley's error. Kram singled and then Hallorn again lost control, walking Bromley and Loew, forcing Delaney home. Draffen got a lucky infield single, scoring Kram and Bromley. Union first rang the acoring gong in the sixth, with a lone taily on errors by Kram and Barker, Beaver talky ing.

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Pratt seemed a bit slow and uncertain in bit fielding at the start. Part of this was due to the poor condition of the infields in the sticks. But the chances are that the scorer this year will sing with great frequency that line of Grantiand Rice's: "Peckinpaugh to Pratt to Pipp."

Duffy Lewis will play left field. That

Huggins's Athletes Who Clash With Red Sox in Opener



Probable Line-Up of Yanks and Red Sox YANKEES RED SOX

Hooper, r. f. McNally, 2 b. Strunk, c. f. Ruth, I. f. McInnis, 1 b. Vitt, 3 b. Scott, s. s.

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